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Women in Sports
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes being implemented to encourage the participation and training of women in various sports in the country particularly at village level;
(b) the details of the financial assistance provided for the promotional and developmental activities for various sports in the rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the details of the infrastructure developed under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for various sports in rural areas of the country indicating the number of such centers which are functional, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote various traditional/ancient/conventional games/ sports in the country particularly in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, sports-wise;
(e) whether the youths from rural areas are provided opportunities to participate in games/sports held in foreign countries; and
(f) if so, the details thereof along with the names of sporting events held in India and foreign countries in which youths from rural areas participated during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) A Scheme called "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" is being implemented by this Ministry as a Central Sector Scheme from the current financial year
2016-17. This Scheme,
inter-alia provides for holding of sports competitions in two age groups of (i) under 14 and (ii) under 17 all over India to encourage mass participation of both boys and girls in Sports in both urban and rural areas. In addition, Ministry through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing following Sports Promotional Schemes in the country where the entire population including women from village and rural area are encouraged to participate and get training in various sports:
1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Special Area Games (SAG)
3. SAI Training Centres (STC)
4. Centre of Excellence (CoE)
5. SAI National Academies
There are four Sports Training Centre exclusively for Women at STC Badal (Punjab), STC Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh), STC Medikeri (Karnataka) and SAG Tellicherry (Kerala).
(b) Prior to the current financial year 2016-17, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) was implemented during the period from 2008-09 to 2013-14 and another scheme, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, was implemented during the period 2014-15 and 2015-16. Under PYKKA Scheme, sports competitions, namely, rural sports competitions, women sports competitions and north east games were conducted. Under RGKA Scheme, besides rural sports competitions, women sports competitions and north east games, competitions in left wing extremism affected areas were also held.
(c) Under the PYKKA Scheme, funds were granted to States/UTs for development and maintenance of playgrounds at Village and Block Panchayats. State-wise details of village/block panchayats approved and funds sanctioned under the Scheme during 2013-14 is given at Annexure − I. Under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), sports infrastructure of indoor sports hall were sanctioned. Details are at Annexure − II. These halls are yet to become functional.
(d) Under "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" being implemented from the current financial year 2016-17, the States have been given the option to include regional/indigenous/local popular games as part of competitions. Further, with a view to identify and promote Indigenous Games and Scouting of talent in various traditional/ancient/conventional games/sports in the country particularly
in the rural areas, there are 10 (ten) centres of Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) in the whole country and a total 160 boys and girls are undergoing training. Details of Indigenous Games, Centres and number of trainees are provided at Annexure − III. As per schematic norms there could be maximum of 20 trainees in a centre adopted under IGMA Scheme.
(e) & (f) Sports is a State subject and, therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to develop and promote Sports. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments. The selection of suitable sportspersons for various events and competitions at National and International levels is done by the respective Sports Federations in accordance with the national/international norms of the concerned sports disciplines. Therefore, the Ministry does not maintain details of opportunities provided to youths from rural areas to participate in games/sports held in foreign countries along with the names of sporting events held in India and foreign countries.
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